

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Alexandria Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
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v.	:	Case No. 1:10cr200 (LMB)
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LEE BENTLEY FARKAS,	:	
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Defendant.	:	

**NOTICE OF FILING LETTERS FOR SENTENCING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the defendant, LEE BENTLEY FARKAS, by and through his counsel, is filing the following redacted character letters (identified for filing purposes by number as “1-1” through “1-48”):

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2. John Cathro;
3. Robert A. Cromartie;
4. Shawn Cross;
5. Janet Duncan;
6. Joe W. Ellis;
7. Alonzo Esgaib;
8. R. William Futch;
9. David Galvan;
10. Rabbi Yossi Hecht;
11. Jim Herzberger;
12. Terri A. Huber;

13. Robert Huff;
14. Jose Interiano;<sup>1</sup>
15. Mary Ann Johnson;
16. Paulette Johnston;
17. Laurie P. Jones;
18. Debbie Kemp;
19. Marlene King;
20. Paula King;
21. Susan E. King;
22. Richard B. Klein;
23. Frances M. Lamz;
24. Joan and Norman Lapping;
25. Carlos D. Lopez;
26. Judy Lovelace;
27. Carolina Molinos;
28. Manuel M. Molinos;
29. Nedra Morose;
30. Steven Morose;
31. Carole Morrissey;
32. Deborah Nosewicz;
33. Tim Parker;

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Interiano's letter was translated "in-house" and the original version, in Spanish, is available for review upon request.

34. Wayne Pollack;
35. Margaret A. Potter-Levane;
36. Justin Potts;
37. John M. Rennie;
38. Jerome C. Sarason;
39. Sigrid Schwartz
40. Jo-Ann Semler;
41. Mark Spaulding;
42. Kendel Standlee;
43. David Stark;
44. Samantha Stathas;
45. Jessica Vega;
46. Kimberly Wages-Bead;
47. Sarah Wood;
48. Jeanette Zufelt.

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Respectfully submitted,

LEE BENTLEY FARKAS



/s/

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The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema

United States District Judge

United States Courthouse

401 Courthouse Square

Alexandria, VA 22314

I remember the time I went to Florida to see Lee Farkas. I went to his office at Taylor, Bean & Whitaker. He seemed busy when we got to his office. Lee was showing me around the office and asked if I'd like a tour of the place. I said sure thinking he'd have someone show me around. He told his assistant he'd be gone for a while and he gave me the tour. I was so surprised he would take the time out of his busy day to give me the tour. It wasn't a quick tour. We visited every department and every building. He was so proud of his business and the people that worked there. He talked at length about his plans for the future and how big his business would get. He showed me the new buildings and talked about his programs for his employees. He showed me where the new buildings would be built and what they would be used for. I remember he showed me the money room which was locked up and him joking "even I can't get into there." Everywhere we went he would stop and talk to his employees and thank them for their work. He was so proud of what they were accomplishing at Taylor Bean and for the community of Ocala. I was so impressed he would take the time out of his busy day to show me his business. I realized he wanted to, because he was so proud of it.

Mark Spaulding

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**Standlee, Ken**

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**From:** Standlee, Ken  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 24, 2011 4:06 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema  
United States District Judge  
United States Courthouse  
Alexandria, Va. 22314

Dear Judge Brinkema

I have known Lee Fargas by reputation for 15 plus years. He is known for being a generous, trusting, kind, compassionate man.

He always places the needs of his family, friends ,employees and community before his own.

I have had the privilege of knowing Lee personally for the past two years. I have found him to be straight forward, caring and sensitive to others in spite of the terrible stress he has been living through. There is a gentle, optimistic, childlike trust about him that tells me everything I need to know about his character and the intentions in his heart. It is my genuine believe that Lee is a good man.

Thank you for your open consideration of this terrible tragedy.

Regards,



Kendel Standlee  
Divisional President  
Great American Insurance Group  
8139 NW 121<sup>st</sup>. Ave  
Ocala, Fl. 34482

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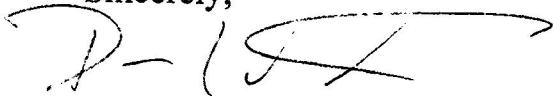
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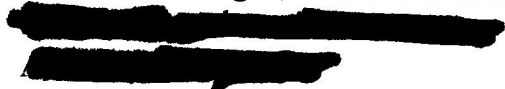
I have been acquainted with Lee Farkas for several years not only as general manager of Blake's on the Park but as a friend. I have seen Lee invest not only his money but his time in helping to improve the quality of life for the City of Atlanta through his steadfast support of several local charities. For many of these charities, such as Chris Kid's, Blake's on the Park became an early supporter and enabled them to become the positive force in the community they are today. Lee is definitely not just another businessman who writes a check once a year and thinks that's being involved, he has a "hands on" let's make this a success approach and encourages his friends and employees to do the same.

I'm personally grateful for Lee's support, encouragement, and enthusiasm for Blake's involvement in the Atlanta community. His "you can accomplish anything" attitude and leadership has inspired me many times when the tasks at hand seemed to daunting and I might not achieve my goals both professionally and personally. Lee has taught me that any business can give money but it's those businesses that create a working environment that encourages individual employees to grow and become involved that truly have a lasting and positive impact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Stark', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Stark  
General Manager, Blake's on the Park

Two lines of text have been completely redacted with thick black ink, obscuring the contact information of David Stark.



Honorable Judge Leonie M. Brinkema,

When people from the Ocala community hear the name Lee Farkas, it is automatically linked with the generosity this man has bestowed upon Ocala. Not only did Lee contribute to the re-opening of a more modern edition of the Marion Theatre, he as well has provided this community with an ice skating rink during the Christmas season. Mr. Farkas has also been my mother's employer for some time now and has proven himself (more than once) to be an outstanding individual. I am a high school senior/dual enrolled college student and this man, Mr. Lee Farkas, has taught me that giving back to my community as well as being a genuine friend to all is what really defines your character as a person.

Samantha Stathas

*Samantha Stathas*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

May 26, 2011

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema

United States District Judge

United States Courthouse

401 Courthouse Square

Alexandria, VA 22314

Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Lee B. Farkas. Upon graduating high school I was employed at Taylor Bean & Whitaker and was an employee for nine years. During my tenure, I was able to witness Lee's generosity toward the community and the help that he provided to others whether it be in form of employment, charity work, he always found a way to give back. He made an impression on me as a young employee and I was able to take away many good things from his leadership. I believe Lee to be an individual who cares deeply for others and his community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica Vega', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jessica Vega

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Mr. Farkas can be described by two simple words, dedicated and generous.

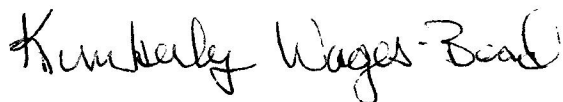
Mr. Farkas was always dedicated to his employees and concerned about their welfare. Whether it be because there was a family member that was ill, a single mother or father attempting to raise a family, a spouse who did not have employment at the time or as simple as someone needing transportation to and from work. Because of this dedication and generosity a Foundation was created.

The Foundation assisted employees and the general public with things such as paying electric bills, finding and assisting with temporary housing. Helping the homeless by donating to the Salvation Army. Meals were provided and delivered during Holiday times to Families that were less fortunate.

Mr. Farkas has allowed employees to work from their Home if their Family had a situation that warranted it. This allowed the employee to have peace of mind financially, and also know that they were where they needed to be.

Mr. Farkas not only helped his employees but he helped the local Community with donations to Habitat to Humanity, Salvation Army, and Local High Schools. All have been such a benefit to the Marion County Florida Community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Wages-Bead". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberly Wages-Bead

May 13, 2011

The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema

United States District Judge

United States Courthouse

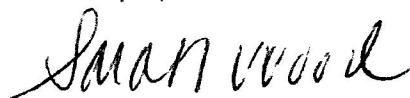
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Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Lee B Farkas. I had the pleasure of working for Mr. Farkas for over 6 years at Taylor Bean & Whitaker. Starting off at this company at just a young age, Mr. Farkas was always someone I looked up to, someone I admired. Employees were treated wonderfully. He made sure to treat all employees fairly, and ran the company with an open heart; often helping employees who had lost loved ones or even when they were in a financial dismay. Donations, charities and foundations were an immense part of the company, he felt it was a huge importance to contribute and give back to our community.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Wood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Wood

May 26, 2011

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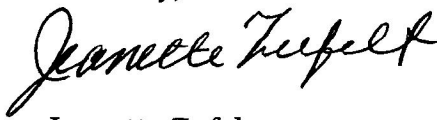
RE: Lee Farkus

Dear Judge Brinkema:

I met Lee Farkus approximately 12 years ago when I was going through a very difficult time in my life. I had just ended a 27 year marriage and raising two teenagers on my own. Shortly after my divorce, I was diagnosed with cancer.

Lee is the brother of my best friend, Terri Huber. Terri told Lee about my situation. Not even knowing me, Lee helped me financially. Over the next 12 years, I got to know Lee and found his generosity towards people, especially ones that needed help due to situation beyond their control, was unbelievable. I will always be thankful for Lee for the kindness he showed me (a total stranger) 12 years ago.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeanette Zufelt". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jeanette Zufelt